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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 13 to 18 September 1993.

13 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah and Salman.

14 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

15 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Khidr, Samawah, Amarah, Shatrah, Jabayish, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah and the area to the north of Mu'ayanah.

16 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 16 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Jalibah, Samawah, Nasiriyah and Busayyah.

At 1245 hours on 16 September 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Jabayish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Jalibah. It left at 1535 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

17 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 17 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: There was no hostile aerial activity in the southern region on 17 September 1993.

18 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Shanafiyah, Jalibah, Lasaf and Ushbayjah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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